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In re Application of
SLIJKHUIS, et al.

Examiner: STEADMAN, David J.

Art Unit: 1652

Application No.: 10/084,814

Filed: February 26, 2002

Title: **PROCESS FOR OXIDATION OF
STEROIDS AND GENETICALLY
ENGINEERED CELLS USED
THEREIN**

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Response to Non-Final Office Action Under 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sirs,

Applicants hereby file a response to the non-final Office Action issued June 17, 2004 for the above-identified application. A request for a three-month extension of time and the required fee accompany this amendment, extending the period of reply to and including today, December 17, 2004.

Reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment necessitated by this amendment to Deposit Account No. 18-1982.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Title begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.